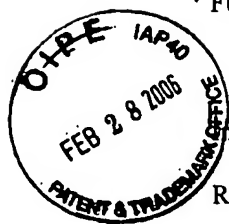


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of

Ryu YOKOYAMA, et al.

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Examiner: Hellner, Mark

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING AND RELAYING SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:


In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on February 23, 2006, Applicants note that the Examiner has not indicated that the formal drawings filed on February 18, 2004, or that the Replacement Figures 15 and 16, filed on July 21, 2005, are accepted and approved.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept and approve the Formal Drawings filed on February 18, 2004 and the Replacement Figures 15 and 16 filed on July 21, 2005.

No fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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